
Patrick...When I First Met Hans

I was on my way to China for the second time in my life, but this time to finish my MBA program with California State University, Fresno. Eighteen hours of flight time, movies, and sitting down is incredibly uncomfortable for me. So I decided to walk the huge 747, connecting with some of my classmates.

During this trip I first met Hans Finzel, sitting by one of my classmates William Henson. Hans was not too excited that I was reaching over him and standing by his aisle seat blabbering to William. I then took the initiative to introduce myself to Hans and apologize for being so rude invading his personal space. Author Dr. Hans Finzel, I found out, was on his way to lecture on leadership in Beijing and that's when it all started.



From the quick exchange of business cards and emails to follow, I had a sense of urgency to explore this new acquaintance. Four books later I was a dedicated fan of his writing. I felt that he understood exactly what I was going through as a Millennial trying to make it in an industry dominated by Boomers.

Conversations between us were stimulating, as we discussed Baby Boomers, Millennials, and the ongoing challenge of generational gaps in the business world today. We quickly hit it off, engaging in both of our passions for leadership and business. This was just the beginning of our connection.